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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 24, 1999, please extend the period of time for response four months, to expire on August 24, 1999. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 24, 1999, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-11, 37-58 and 61,-68, drawn to a retrovirus vector, for examination at this time.

In view of the above election, applicants hereby cancel claims 12-36, 59, 60, and 69-90 without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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